

APPEAL NO. 031141  
FILED JUNE 16, 2003

This appeal arises pursuant to the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, TEX. LAB. CODE ANN. § 401.001 *et seq.* (1989 Act). A contested case hearing was held on April 3, 2003. The hearing officer determined that the compensable injury of \_\_\_\_\_, extends to include an injury to the thoracic spine. The appellant (carrier) appeals the determination on sufficiency of the evidence grounds. The respondent (claimant) urges affirmance.

DECISION

Affirmed.

The hearing officer did not err in determining that the compensable injury of \_\_\_\_\_, extends to include an injury to the thoracic spine. The determination involved questions of fact for the hearing officer to resolve. The hearing officer is the sole judge of the weight and credibility of the evidence (Section 410.165(a)) and, as the trier of fact, resolves the conflicts and inconsistencies in the evidence including the medical evidence (Texas Employers Insurance Association v. Campos, 666 S.W.2d 286 (Tex. App.-Houston [14th Dist.] 1984, no writ)). In view of the evidence presented, we cannot conclude that the hearing officer's determination is so against the great weight and preponderance of the evidence as to be clearly wrong or manifestly unjust. Cain v. Bain, 709 S.W.2d 175, 176 (Tex. 1986).

The decision and order of the hearing officer are affirmed.

The true corporate name of the insurance carrier is **LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY** and the name and address of its registered agent for service of process is

**CT CORPORATION SYSTEMS  
350 NORTH ST. PAUL, SUITE 2900  
DALLAS, TEXAS 75201.**

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Edward Vilano  
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

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Chris Cowan  
Appeals Judge

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Margaret L. Turner  
Appeals Judge